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FIRE AT MARY BELLE

A fire which caused much excitement and a severe loss to the Kentucky Flour Spar company, occurred at the Mary Belle Mines last Friday night about seven o'clock. The cause of the fire is unknown. The men were in the ground at work at the time the fire was discovered but were taken out in time to avoid any danger. The fire was first discovered by the hoistman, as the flames burst out the door of the mill room. The alarm was then given and the men who had been at work underground, together with the top hands worked hard to check it. A hose was connected to the discharge line and as there was plenty of water it was applied unsparringly but too late to save the mill and shop which were burned to the ground. The derrick was saved by the superintendent and an employee who climbed to the top and pushed the tumbler's shack off over the side as it was well under headway. The derrick was damaged slightly.

"BOB" MAKING GOOD

Hon. R. E. Wilborn, better known as "Bob", representing Crittenden and Livingston in the Legislature which is now in session at Frankfort, has been appointed on several committees but he has received special notice by having been appointed chairman of the Committee on Printing, which is an honor of which we should be proud.

NOTICE

Parties holding claims against Crittenden county, payable out of 1919 levy or prior levies, will present same to me at once for payment as interest on said claims will cease to accrue on the 15th day of January, 1920.

LEAFFA WILBORN,

County Treasurer.

COUNTY COURT

J. F. Dorroh, R. S. Elkins, J. A. Graves, L. H. Franklin, T. F. Harris, L. J. Daughtrey, J. S. Newcom and Aaron Towery were appointed to serve as the county board of tax supervisors.

The will of Mrs. Margaret E. Towery was probated, in which she bequeathed all of her property to her son, Gabe E. Towery.

IN MARION COURT DAY

Dr. D. T. White, Blackford, Monroe Andrews, W. B. Terry, Mrs. J. M. Lamb, Rev. U. B. Terry, J. M. Hill, Miss Virginia Hill, James Pickens, Geo. Crace, J. C. Adams, A. A. Barry, C. B. Woody, E. H. Bigham, J. O. Paris, J. T. Kemp and E. C. Simpson were among the county court visitors seen in Marion.

ROBERT SLEMAKER HERE

Robert Slemaker, pastor of Hiseville charge in Hart county preached a splendid evangelistic sermon at the Methodist church Sunday evening to a good audience. Robert is an honored son of Crittenden county, graduate of John Locke School at Elkton.

COUNCIL MEETS

The city council met in its Office Tuesday night and elected next two years: G. W. Stone, marshal; E. L. Harpending, clerk; Jas. A. Moore, attorney; R. G. Fowler, treasurer.

Some propositions are pending between S. M. Jenkins and the council in regard to the lighting of the city.

NEW BUILDING

J. S. Crayne is erecting a new building on Bellville street near the railroad crossing. He will put in a stock of groceries as soon as the building is completed. It is a two room building, metal roof and siding. Mr. Crayne was one of the unfortunate Buggy tragedy which occurred in Piney section some months ago. He lost his entire stock of goods and had no insurance.

County Superintendent Paris has built a new garage and is now building an addition to his residence.

W. O. W. ERECTS

SOLDIER'S MONUMENT

A splendid W. O. W. monument has been erected to the grave of Ervin Davis in Crooked Creek cemetery, the work is carved of fine Vermont marble to resemble the body of a tree. This memorial was made in the works of Henry & Henry, Marion, Ky.

FREDONIA COUPLE WED

Mr. S. Preston Chambers, and Miss Arnelia Patten were married at the Henrietta hotel in Princeton at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, the Rev. A. D. Litchfield, pastor of the Princeton Methodist church officiating. The bride is one of Fredonia's most beautiful and charming young ladies and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Patten of Fredonia. The groom is local manager of the Dunn & Gregory furniture store in Fredonia and one of the coming young business men of this section.

CONDIT-LUCAS

M. Laurence Lucas and Miss Lottie Condit were married last Sunday at the home of the bride's parents out of town by Rev. H. R. Short.

FARM SOLD

L. I. Crider sold to W. D. James and J. P. Jones a 92 acre farm for the consideration of \$2,400. W. E. Belt handled the sale.

FARM FOR SALE

I will sell you a good farm of 140 acres, a good three room dwelling, two good barns, house and barns new; fenced all round and cross fences, all in good shape; plenty of good water; a good orchard, and plenty of timber on the place to supply it for years. Price and terms right. See me at my office, Marion, Ky. E. Jeffrey Travis

Bob Gahagan of Blackford spent Tuesday in Marion.

Statement of the City Coal & Transfer Company

There was released to the City Coal & Transfer Company by our railroad agent, during the late coal strike, a car of "mine-run" coal which was from the Fentress Coal Co., of Tennessee. When the coal was released we had no bill of rates or cost, either of the coal or the freight. Our Agent advised that we base our selling price on war time prices for "mine-run" coal F. O. B., which was \$2.35 per ton, and the freight at double the rate to Hopkinsville, which was \$1.50 per ton and war tax; and, by this estimate the freight was \$3.00 plus the war tax, 9 cents, making \$3.09 freight and war tax; but when the bill did come, and which we had to pay, it was \$3.91 freight, including war tax.

We gave to the Railroad Agent, at his request, a certified check for the coal, for \$110.04, which came in and was charged up to our banking account at Farmers Bank.

We have this check in our possession, with the various endorsements, and which shows it was given for this very same identical car of "mine run" coal. Nevertheless, the Fentress Coal Co., sends us another bill for this same car of coal, charging us \$2.53 F. O. B., amounting to \$119.54 more for the very same coal. But the Agent says we are sure to get back the amount of the check for \$110.04, which we gave to the railroad company. But, at the present we are out for above coal, first check for coal to the railroad \$110.04, and second check for same coal to the Fentress Coal Co., \$119.54, and check for freight on this coal was \$184.93, making the present amount out by us for this car of coal amount to a total of \$414.51. We have only realized \$295.00. We are, therefore, short \$119.51 on above car as it now stands.

We have filed claim for overcharges, and if we ever get anything to make refunds to our patrons, we will certainly do so.

THE CITY COAL & TRANSFER COMPANY

MEMORIES OF EARLY DAYS

Mr. Editor: Seeing Mrs. Frisbie's memories of early days brings back to my mind some fond memories of my early days.

I was born in Pinckneyville, Ky., the 10th of February, 1844. My father, Blake Travis was a river man. He died when I was six months old and left my mother with four little children to raise, the oldest being but eight years old.

I remember the first school I went to. It was close to the little village of Levas. It was a log house and was taught by a man named King. The old Union church was a large log house and both stood where the grave yard now is.

The first dead person I ever saw was buried there, a young lady by the name of Samantha Fritts. I have never forgotten how that dead face looked. I can see it as plain today as I did then.

The first physician I ever saw was Dr. Jordon Bass. He lived in old Salem and was drowned in the Cumberland river.

The first minister of the gospel I remember seeing was Uncle Collin Hodge. The first lawyer I ever saw was Uncle John Blue, father of Johnnie Blue that lives in Marion now.

The first political speech I ever heard was made by David Woods at the place where New Salem church now stands.

There are only two houses on the road from Salem to Marion that was there when I was a child, the Alvis house and the one where I live, then owned by old Dr. Miles. George Miles lived there where Jim LaRue lives now. Old Man Pressly Gray lived about half a mile below this place. The old Gray house burned down some ten or fifteen years ago.

I think George Gray of Marion was born in the house where I live now and I believe Judge Rochester was born about two miles from here on the Princeton road but the old house is gone now.

There is a graveyard on the hill back of my house where several of the Grays are buried one of whom is Miss Barbara.

The first couple I ever saw married was Elias Burklow and Marietta Watson. I remember when Miss Kittie Colman was married. We were all invited and what a nice basket of good things Aunt Narcissa sent my mother. You hardly ever saw cake those days except at weddings.

I remember when this part of the country was almost a wilderness, just a few houses scattered around. The Alvis place, Grays,

Miles, Threlkeld, Rochester, Uncle Henry Coleman's and the Clements place on the road. The Wash Brown place, Asa Hodge, Butler and Henry Watson places were all the farms close around and now most all is cleared and under fence.

I remember when wild turkey and deer were plentiful. There were wolves, wild cats and panthers. My grandfather killed a large panther in old Clifty Hollow.

Well I will tell you how the men and women worked in my day. In the winter and fall they cleared the land of all large timber and when spring came they had the log rollings. They would invite all the neighbors, put the logs in big heaps and burn them. There was no demand for lumber then. The women would all come and there would be a quilting the same day and what a time we would have. The dinner would consist of hog jowl, turnip greens, boiled ham, chicken, dried peach and apple pie, New Orleans molasses, milk and butter, plenty of eggs and sometimes turkey and deer. Every one was friendly, sociable and full of fun.

They worked oxen those days instead of horses and after the logs were burned old "Buck" and "Bright" were hitched up and what a snapping and breaking there would be with those hickory and white oak roots.

In the fall would come the fodder pulling and corn gathering. The farmers would pile their corn in a big pile, close to the crib, invite all the neighbors and have a corn shucking. There would be a jug at the bottom of that corn pile and they never stopped until they found the jug. I can remember hearing the darkies coming down the hill from Uncle Henry Clements singing "We Are Rounding up the Corn Pile Julia."

Corn was 25c a bushel and a man would work all day for the same sum. Whiskey sold for 25c a gallon and most every one kept it in the house, but you seldom saw a drunk man. The neighbors would all visit then and have a good time. They did not gossip and talk about each other then. Now the telephone has taken the place of visiting. We had no telephones in those days, nor automobiles and very few buggies.

The farmer had very few implements to work with, a plow and hoe and wooden harrow was about all they had. They had no mowers, binders and cultivators in those days. They checked their ground off, dropped the corn by hand and covered it with a hoe. What wonderful inventions have been

made during the past 75 years! Now we have our railroads, telephones, telegraph, electricity and at last we have the airplanes. What will be invented next?

Every one worked in my early days. The women folks made all their clothes, they carded spun and wove it into bed sheets, table cloths and dresses. They raised their own sheep, the wool was sheared, carded, spun and woven into blankets and jeans to make men's and children's clothing. Did any of our young people ever see flax growing? It is beautiful after it gets so old. They pull and lay down to dry, then they have what they call a flax break. They take the flax and beat on the flax break until they have the outside bark off, there was a single board which they used to get the bark all out. Then comes the hackle. It was a plank full of sharpened nails through which the flax was pulled until all the tow was out. They made tow cloth out of this, and linen out of the flax. How many living today ever saw a "flax wheel"?

I remember the first clock I ever saw. It was here at this place when Dr. Miles lived here. It stood on the floor and reached to the ceiling. There were no coffee mills then. They had an iron jar we put the coffee in and beat it with a piece of iron. There were no sausage mills. The men would split open a large log, take out one half and hollow it out, put the meat in there and beat it with a hammer, taking three or four days for this work.

When I was a little child I did not know there was such a thing as "Santa Claus." Lots of little children did not know what a toy was. If they got a new pair of shoes for Xmas that was all and they were made at home. Now young people you can see how we old people were raised.

Well I have lived to see my 75th Christmas. I will close, wishing every one a happy and prosperous 1920.

JOHN W. SLEMAKER DEAD

John W. Slemaker died at his home in Tolu Tuesday night of last week after a short illness. He was in his 61st year, had been married twice and leaves a wife and seven children. He was a carpenter by trade and was highly respected by all who knew him.

His remains were laid to rest beside his first wife in Hurricane cemetery. He had been a member of the Methodist church for many years. Rev. J. W. Crowe conducted the funeral.

GOOD ROADS BILL IS DRAFTED

The various good roads organizations in Kentucky sent representatives to a meeting in Louisville a few days ago where a Good Roads bill was drafted and a committee named to carry it before the legislature which convened early this month.

Project No. 9 leads from Paducah to Smithland, Marion, Morganfield, Henderson, Owensboro, Hawesville, Hardinsburg, Brandenburg, Tip Top, West Point, and on to Louisville, known as the Ohio River route.

Project No. 11 leads from Paducah to Smithland by way of Calhoun, Greenville, Nortonville, Dawson Springs, Princeton and Eddyville. This route is known as the Central Highway.

About one half of the Ohio River route has been surveyed and the work is going on, having begun near Louisville and driving west, now in Daviess county. Two counties, Caldwell and Lyon, have not guaranteed the required amount of funds, but Caldwell has voted a road bond issue to meet its share and Lyon has almost enough private subscriptions to put her over, and the Central Highway is practically assured. Livingston and Hopkins have pledged their quota of the funds to construct the Central Highway from Dawson Springs to Smithland, where that Highway strikes the Ohio River route.

CHAPEL HILL

Miss Jewel Hill spent the week end with friends in Marion.

Robert L. and Marion Minner have gone to Akron, Ohio and have secured positions there.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bigham spent the day Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bigham.

Sunday School every Sunday morning at Chapel Hill at ten o'clock. Rev. J. M. Hicks will fill his regular appointment there next Sunday. Everybody invited.

Arlof Walker of Mexico visited his father C. A. Walker Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Watson have returned to Tolu after a three weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hill visited at J. T. Bigham's Sunday.

Mrs. A. L. Seymour and two children have returned to their home in Amarillo, Tex., after a three months' stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hill.

Misses Estelle Bigham and Ruth Hill spent the day Sunday with Mrs. H. S. Hill.

Mrs. Mollie Daniels of Lima, Ohio, is visiting relatives here.

Elbert Crider visited his sister, Mrs. Huley Guess near Piney Creek Saturday night.

WHEATCROFT

Wheatcroft is very proud to learn that Hon. E. C. Hardin has been elected chairman of the democratic caucus. Mr.

Hardin is a resident of Wheatcroft.

Mrs. R. L. Porter of Dixon is the guest of Mrs. John Brown this week.

Bill and Jack Petty of Henderson spent the week with their sister, Mrs. C. O. Shade.

Mrs. J. R. Mitchell has returned from Louisville where she spent several days on business.

Miss Minnie Elswick of Dekoven is visiting friends here.

Roscoe Garrett spent the end of the week in Fredonia.

Mrs. E. C. Hardin entertained at Sunday dinner Mrs. J. R. Mitchell and daughter aarie.

Mrs. Emma King spent Saturday in Clay.

Jno. Quirey of the Sullivan country was in town Saturday on business.

We are glad to report that our prayer meeting is progressing nicely. The attendance is good and much interest is being shown toward keeping it so.

Miss Marie Mitchell who is attending school at Clay spent the week end here with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Mitchell.

Mrs. Bates and children, of Mortons Gap, are the guests of Mrs. Jno. Williams this week.

Mrs. Shelton charmingly entertained the little folks at her home on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Anne Elizabeth Hardin was hostess at a six o'clock dinner given in honor of Miss Marie Mitchell on Saturday evening.

C. C. King and Tom Rayborn spent Sunday in Evansville.

BLACKFORD

Miss Mable Rayborne who is teaching in the grades here was called to Dixon to the bedside of her mother who is very ill.

R. B. Morgan has sold his restaurant to L. E. Ringo.

Dr. E. E. Newcomb is very sick this week.

Mrs. D. T. White has returned from a visit to her daughter Mrs. J. D. Farris of Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Iber Horning spent Wednesday night in Clay with friends.

Miss Alecy Morgan is able to be out after a week's illness.

Miss Lennie White is visiting her sister Mrs. S. L. Carnahan.

J. N. Vaughn of the nearby country is very sick at present.

Dr. John H. White of Hickman, Ky., is visiting his parents Dr. and Mrs. D. T. White.

Mrs. J. K. Eddings spent two days in Clay with relatives this week.

Taylor Vaughn of Clay was in town Friday.

Miss Gwendolyn McGregor is visiting relatives in Morganfield this week.

Mrs. Sterling Justice is moving to Providence.

To the Citizens of Marion

I have now been in the Insurance Business here for two years; realizing the fact, when I came here, that you would not feel disposed to place your insurance with me, until you were satisfied that I was permanently settled in business. I have not tried to thrust myself upon you, nor, have I bored you with numerous and persistent solicitations for your business; however, I have been favored with a reasonable amount of business from some of the leading citizens of the town and I appreciate it very much.

I am now permanently located, devoting all of my time to the Insurance Business, and prepared to take care of your insurance needs of every kind. Give me a trial.

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